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Amendments to the Abstract

Please amend the abstract as follows so that the abstract mirrors the allowed claims:

Abstract:

A system, method and ~~article of manufacture program~~ are provided for listing activities in a graphical user interface in a collaborative work tool framework. An activity window having activity description data, activity start data, activity duration data, and an activity status data is displayed. Then, an activity is defined in response to user selection of a defined activity button, ~~wherein and the defined activity is thereafter~~ displayed in the activity window. ~~Next, a~~ Finally, A status for the defined activity is determined based on the start time activity start data for the defined activity and the activity duration data for the defined activity. Finally, background information relevant to the defined activity is automatically acquired, including automatically obtaining the activity description when the start time is within a predetermined period, parsing and pattern matching the activity description to identify searchable components thereof, querying a plurality of sources across a network to obtain the background information, and receiving the background information in response to querying the plurality of sources.